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it would be a very wise precaution should all the States of the South forbid the dismantling of such old buildings at any time between the 1st of April and the 1st of November.

Respectfully, yours, WALTER WYMAN,
Supervising Surgeon-General, U. S. M. H. S.

Dr. EDMOND SOUCHON,
President State Board of Health, New Orleans, La.

The president of the State board of health of Louisiana replied as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, *May 6, 1899.*

SIR: I have received your letter of May 3, inviting my attention to the importance of not allowing old buildings which have once been infected with yellow fever to be dismantled in summer.

I will send a circular letter to all of our health officers, parish and municipal, to that effect.

Yours, very truly, EDMOND SOUCHON, M. D.,
President Louisiana State Board of Health.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Cerebro-spinal meningitis—Abstract of replies received to circular requesting information.

[Continued from last PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.]

LOUISIANA—*Shreveport.*—During the two weeks ended May 7, 1899, 6 deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported. Since January 31, 26 deaths have resulted from cerebro-spinal meningitis.

SOUTH CAROLINA—*Charleston.*—Since April 29, 1899, 3 deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis are reported.

Smallpox in the United States.

ALABAMA.

Mobile.—Surgeon Murray reports, May 5, 2 cases of smallpox admitted to pesthouse on May 1 and May 2, respectively.

CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles.—Health officer reports 1 case of smallpox and 1 death from same on April 30.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—Deputy Health Officer McLean reports, May 4, no new cases; 29 cases in hospital and 5 houses in quarantine. May 5, 1 suspicious case under observation; May 6, no new cases. There were 23 cases on hand and 4 houses in quarantine.